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A N N O U N C E M E N T

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Program

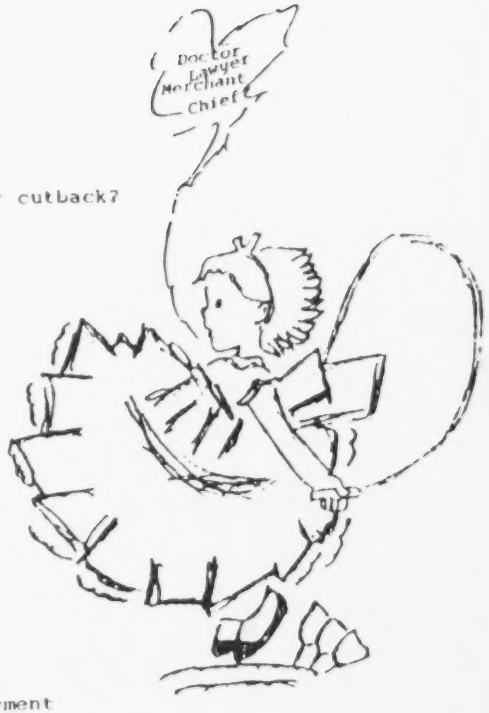
We are often asked for Nebraska:

What is the occupational mix within a specific industry?

What is the occupational makeup in the total labor force?

What occupations tend to be impacted by industrial expansion or cutback?

We do not have answers to these questions - - - - - which is the reason we need to add occupational information to our data bank for your occupational planning needs.



Basic occupational employment statistics program information is presented on the reverse side in a question and answer format.

OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

FACT SHEET

Question:	Answer:
Will all firms within an industry be sampled?	*No. From each industry approximately a 10% random sample will be drawn. The exception is that hospitals will be sampled on a 100% basis.*
What is the survey plan?	*This year (1980) a sampling of manufacturing establishments and all hospitals will receive a survey form. A sampling of nonmanufacturing establishments (construction/ mining; finance, insurance and real estate; transportation, communication and utilities; and services) are scheduled to receive a survey form in 1981. A sampling of trade establishments will receive a survey form in 1982.*
Will agriculture be included in the sample?	*No. However, agricultural services, as opposed to agriculture per se will be included in the sample.*
When will the questionnaires be mailed to a sampling of manufacturing establishments and hospitals in 1980?	*One-third of the establishments in the sample will receive a questionnaire in May - one-third will receive a questionnaire in June - one-third will receive a questionnaire in July.*
Will survey results be published?	*Yes. Occupational information will be published by industry (no firm identification) as each survey cycle is completed.*
How will the business community benefit?	*Employers who request occupational information tell us that business establishments who have to depend on interests, talents, and skills of workers have a need for occupational information. Educators and trainers use occupational information to assist them to prepare students for occupations that are realistic in terms of labor market demand. Occupational information is a vital tool for personnel management.*
How will the general public benefit?	*Workers preparing for a job or looking for a job need to know about occupations available in the labor force to choose occupations that they can perform, are willing to perform, and can derive satisfaction from performing. Occupational information is basic to effective vocational counseling and career guidance.*
Is this a mandatory program?	*NO. EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. Your reply will be kept in strict confidence.*

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - By Residence)

MARCH 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Mar 1980	Feb 1980	Mar 1979	Feb 1980	Mar 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	772,900	752,950	761,700	19,950	11,200
Employment	746,250	723,200	738,800	23,050	7,450
Unemployment [2]	26,650	29,750	22,900	-3,100	3,750
Unemployment rate	3.4	4.0	3.0	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA [3]					
Civilian labor force	282,150	277,850	279,050	4,300	3,100
Employment	270,250	264,800	268,150	5,450	2,100
Unemployment [2]	11,900	13,050	10,900	-1,150	1,000
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.7	3.9	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA [4]					
Civilian labor force	113,700	111,600	110,500	2,100	3,200
Employment	110,500	108,050	107,950	2,450	2,550
Unemployment [2]	3,200	3,550	2,550	-350	650
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	2.3	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.
3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 240,950 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 41,200, is excluded from the Nebraska total.
4/ Defined as Lancaster County.
NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 3,100 from February 1980 to March 1980, to a new total of 26,650. The March 1980 total was 3,750 more than in March 1979. The unemployment rate moved downward from 4.0 in February 1979 to 3.4 in March 1980, compared to 3.0 in March 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 1,150 from February 1980 to March 1980, and increased by 1,000 from March 1979. The unemployment rate decreased from 4.7 in February 1980 to 4.2 in March 1980, and compared to 3.9 in March 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 350 from February 1980 to March 1980, but gained by 650 from March 1979. The unemployment rate remained the same (3.2) in both February 1980 and March 1980, and compared to 2.3 in March 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 13,000 from March 1980 to April 1980, reaching a new total of 785,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 24,650, while the employment segment is projected as 761,250.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1/] [2/]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Mar 1980 [3/]	Feb 1980 [4/]	Mar 1979 [4/]	Change From Feb 1980	Change From Mar 1979	Percent Change From Mar 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	623,850	617,800	616,250	6,050	7,600	1.2
MANUFACTURING	98,350	99,000	97,850	-650	500	0.5
Durable goods	52,500	52,400	52,050	100	450	0.9
Construction material	4,900	4,750	5,250	150	-350	-6.8
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,150	2,100	2,450	50	-300	-11.6
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,750	2,650	2,800	100	-50	-2.6
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,700	1,850	50	-100	-7.5
Metals	9,550	9,600	9,500	-50	50	0.8
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,700	0	250	14.7
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,600	7,650	7,800	-50	-200	-2.8
Machinery except electrical	14,150	14,150	13,300	0	850	6.5
Farm machinery & equipment	8,350	8,350	8,050	0	300	3.7
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,700	10,800	10,800	-100	-100	-1.0
Transportation equipment	5,900	5,900	6,050	0	-150	-1.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,100	3,250	0	-150	-5.5
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,550	5,500	5,300	50	250	4.6
Nondurable goods	45,850	46,600	45,800	-750	50	0.1
Food & kindred products	26,750	27,450	26,750	-700	0	-0.1
Meat products	13,850	13,850	13,750	0	100	0.6
Dairy products	1,850	1,850	1,950	0	-100	-6.2
Grain mill	4,350	4,400	4,350	-50	0	0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,700	7,350	6,700	-650	0	0
Textile products & apparel	2,300	2,250	2,350	50	-50	-2.9
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,550	7,600	7,200	-50	350	5.6
Chemicals & allied products	2,550	2,550	2,450	0	100	4.9
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,700	6,750	7,100	-50	-400	-5.6
NONMANUFACTURING	525,500	518,800	518,400	6,700	7,100	1.4
MINING	1,500	1,450	1,550	50	-50	-4.8
CONSTRUCTION	28,800	27,450	28,000	1,350	800	2.9
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,350	8,000	8,600	350	-250	-3.0
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,950	5,500	5,050	450	900	18.6
Construction - special trade contractors	14,500	13,950	14,350	550	150	1.0
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,100	45,700	45,050	400	1,050	2.3
Railroad transportation	14,800	14,600	14,450	200	350	2.2
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,600	14,500	14,600	100	0	0.2
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,700	16,600	16,000	100	700	4.2

TRADE	164,350	162,100	160,400	2,250	3,950	2.5
Wholesale	47,700	47,350	47,100	350	600	1.3
Durable	24,900	24,700	24,400	200	500	2.1
Nondurable	22,800	22,650	22,700	150	100	0.5
Retail	116,650	114,750	113,300	1,900	3,350	2.9
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,750	5,550	5,900	200	-150	-2.8
General merchandise stores	15,550	15,600	15,600	-50	-50	0
Food stores	15,600	15,550	15,300	50	300	2.0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,600	16,550	16,700	50	-100	-0.6
Apparel & accessory stores	6,300	6,250	6,350	50	-50	-0.1
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0	-0.8
Eating & drinking places	41,000	39,500	37,500	1,500	3,500	9.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,650	11,550	11,750	100	-100	-1.0
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,500	3,450	3,500	50	0	-0.3
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,150	8,100	8,250	50	-100	-1.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,650	41,500	40,350	150	1,300	3.3
Banking	10,500	10,500	10,250	0	250	2.2
Insurance	20,150	20,100	19,600	50	550	2.7
Real Estate	4,700	4,650	4,450	50	250	6.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,250	6,050	50	250	4.3
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	116,650	114,900	111,800	1,750	4,850	4.3
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	6,850	6,750	6,700	100	150	2.4
Personal services	6,300	6,200	6,350	100	-50	-1.0
Business services	18,000	17,650	16,500	350	1,500	8.9
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,150	4,100	4,000	50	150	3.2
Amusement & recreation (including motion pictures)	6,200	5,850	5,450	350	750	14.1
Health services	40,850	40,650	38,700	200	2,150	5.6
Educational services	8,500	8,350	8,500	150	0	0.2
Social services	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	100	1.3
Membership organizations	8,600	8,450	8,950	150	-350	-3.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,200	11,000	10,750	200	450	4.0
GOVERNMENT	126,450	125,700	131,250	750	-4,800	-3.6
Federal	16,000	16,000	16,250	0	-250	-1.4
State	33,350	32,800	33,550	550	-200	-0.6
Local	77,100	76,900	81,450	200	-4,350	-5.3

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate. 4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

MARCH 1980 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 6,050 from February 1980 to March 1980. Manufacturing dropped by 650, while nonmanufacturing increased by 6,700.

The decrease of 650 in manufacturing included a small gain of 100 in durable goods and a decrease of 750 in nondurable goods. The primary loss in nondurable goods was in food processing (-700), and followed customary seasonal trends.

Month-to-month increases occurred in trade (2,250), services (1,750), construction/mining (1,400), government (750), transportation-communication-utilities (400), and finance-insurance-real estate (150). The increase of 2,250 in trade included a gain of 350 in wholesale trade, and a rise of 1,900 in retail trade - led by a gain of 1,500 in eating and drinking places. About one-half of the month-to-month increase in services occurred in three fields: business services (350), amusement and recreation (350), and health services (200).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 7,600 from March 1979 to March 1980. This included a gain of 500 in manufacturing, and an increase of 7,100 in nonmanufacturing.

The gain of 500 in manufacturing included an increase of 450 in durable goods and a small rise of 50 in nondurable goods. The primary thrust in durable goods was in machinery except electrical (850).

Year-to-year, increases occurred in construction/mining (750), transportation-communication-utilities (1,050), trade (3,950), and services (4,850). The increase of 3,950 in trade included a rise of 600 in wholesale trade and an increase of 3,350 in retail trade - led by a gain of 3,500 in eating and drinking places. About three-fourths of the increase in services occurred in two categories: business services (1,500), and health services (2,150).

Year-to-year, government employment dropped by 4,800, led by a decline in local government employment of 4,350.

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activity in May 1980 is projected to show increases in most major industry groups. Construction/mining employment is expected to show some increase, but less than customary for this time of year - primarily as a result of the reduction of new housing starts. Transportation-communication-utilities is anticipated to exhibit a small gain, reflecting customary seasonal trends. Trade is expected to have a moderate growth. Services are expected to have substantial gains, following customary seasonal trends, particularly in amusement and recreation. Government is expected to have a slight increase. Agriculture is expected to increase substantially, following customary seasonal trends. Relatively no change is anticipated in manufacturing and finance-insurance-real estate.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

March 1980

	Applicants Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Received FY to date [2]	Total	30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL [3]	75,035	27,750	31,251	5,334	3,768	2.40	5.20	70.6
0 - 1 Professional, technical and managerial	8,461	3,182	2,729	1,562	1,275	3.10	2.04	81.6
2 Clerical and sales	19,567	6,474	7,372	1,919	1,479	2.65	3.37	77.1
Entry codes [4]	4,257	1,321	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
20-24 Clerical	11,717	3,919	5,787	1,638	1,306	2.02	2.39	79.7
25-29 Sales	3,593	1,234	1,585	281	173	2.27	4.39	61.6
3 Service	11,518	4,210	5,699	691	337	2.02	6.09	48.8
Entry codes [4]	1,964	658	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
30 Domestic	745	280	1,058	41	26	0.70	6.83	63.4
31-39 Other	8,809	3,272	4,641	650	311	1.90	5.03	47.8
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,078	586	96	43	18	21.65	13.63	41.9
5 Processing	1,959	648	1,844	53	23	1.06	12.23	43.4
6 Machine trades	3,420	1,351	1,101	150	85	3.11	9.01	56.7
7 Bench work	3,550	1,402	1,081	132	73	3.29	10.62	55.3
8 Structural work	8,831	3,733	3,451	269	131	2.56	13.88	48.7
9 Miscellaneous	11,125	4,379	7,171	280	114	1.55	15.64	40.7
Entry codes [4]	2,374	847	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
90-91 Motor freight transportation	3,833	1,597	2,744	140	43	1.40	11.41	30.7
92 Packaging, materials handling	4,585	1,811	4,117	93	38	1.11	19.47	40.9
93-97 Other [5]	333	124	310	47	33	1.07	2.64	70.2

[1] Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
[2] Period covered: 10-1-79 through 3-31-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-80.
[3] Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
[4] Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
[5] Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

March 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	5,038	4,824	$8,775/yr	$8,746/yr	2,541	2,461	1,233	1,300
Professional, technical, and managerial	885	881	11,524/yr	11,736/yr	699	683	419	420
Clerical and sales	1,451	1,398	7,565/yr	7,657/yr	759	759	389	428
Service	781	696	3.41/hr	3.48/hr	354	312	145	149
Farming, Fishery, Foresty, and related	150	111	3.71/hr	3.86/hr	58	56	23	29
Processing	271	421	4.95/hr	4.29/hr	42	72	11	19
Machine Trades	257	254	4.63/hr	4.69/hr	137	125	68	56
Bench Work	199	211	3.65/hr	3.67/hr	98	108	44	69
Structural Work	512	437	4.58/hr	4.41/hr	234	193	107	77
Miscellaneous	532	415	4.18/hr	3.95/hr	160	153	27	53

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

March 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 1980 [2]	Feb 1980 [3]	Mar 1979 [3]	Mar 1980 [2]	Feb 1980 [3]	Mar 1979 [3]	Mar 1980 [2]	Feb 1980 [3]	Mar 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$289.46	$284.61	$255.82	41.0	40.6	40.8	$7.06	$7.01	$6.27
Durable goods	289.67	282.63	259.79	41.8	41.2	41.5	6.93	6.86	6.26
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	243.71	229.50	219.91	38.5	37.5	39.2	6.33	6.12	5.61
Primary and fabricated metals	285.73	282.49	255.40	40.3	39.9	41.8	7.09	7.08	6.11
Machinery and transportation equipment	315.79	306.43	284.85	43.2	42.5	42.2	7.31	7.21	6.75
Nondurable goods	289.20	286.48	251.60	40.0	39.9	40.0	7.23	7.18	6.29
Food and kindred products	319.87	313.50	270.07	40.8	40.4	39.6	7.84	7.76	6.82
Meat products	335.12	341.50	286.55	39.8	40.8	39.2	8.42	8.37	7.31
Dairy products	205.90	194.66	195.22	36.9	35.2	39.2	5.58	5.53	4.98
Grain mill products	410.49	387.35	319.47	46.7	46.5	46.1	8.79	8.33	6.93
Bakery products	232.22	228.81	211.88	34.0	33.5	32.9	6.83	6.83	6.44
Other food and kindred products	236.14	206.46	204.96	41.5	37.0	36.6	5.69	5.58	5.60
Printing and publishing	245.97	248.97	209.08	37.9	38.6	39.9	6.49	6.45	5.24
Chemicals and allied products	303.28	296.81	253.78	43.7	44.7	40.8	6.94	6.64	6.22

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $4.85 from February 1980 to March 1980, with durable goods increasing $7.04, and nondurable goods also gaining by $2.72. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $33.64, including rises of $29.88 in durable goods and of $37.60 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased 0.4 hours from February 1980 to March 1980, and also gained 0.2 hours from March 1979.

Average hourly earnings showed a small gain of $.05 month-to-month, and an increase of $.79 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

February 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979	Feb 2/ 1980	Jan 3/ 1980	Feb 3/ 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	29	32	38	23	27	34	32	34	35	20	21	22	6	7	6
Durable goods	29	30	45	21	25	39	32	32	33	18	19	21	8	7	5
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	65	44	69	32	22	37	57	71	70	26	38	28	25	28	36
Furniture and fixtures	20	23	28	19	22	28	17	14	44	11	11	24	4/	1	14
Primary and fabricated metals	22	22	38	17	18	32	26	27	32	14	11	18	6	11	8
Machinery and transportation equipment	24	29	41	17	25	39	28	26	26	16	17	18	6	3	4/
Other durable goods	42	44	62	37	39	59	43	36	42	30	29	34	5	4/	4/
Nondurable goods	30	35	31	27	29	27	32	38	36	22	24	23	5	7	6
Food and kindred products	31	36	30	27	30	24	32	37	38	21	24	23	6	6	8
Meat products	36	42	30	34	39	26	36	42	46	23	28	28	7	5	11
Dairy products	11	29	17	11	21	17	14	14	19	11	3	8	3	11	6
Grain mill products	19	15	19	15	13	17	22	18	26	14	11	14	5	3	7
Bakery products	31	36	18	27	29	10	26	43	27	14	29	13	6	1	11
Other food and kindred products	38	43	52	25	24	37	41	44	44	26	30	29	6	8	4/
Textiles and apparel	38	36	53	34	33	50	51	82	44	41	41	35	6	33	3
Paper and allied products	12	23	24	12	22	24	24	13	21	19	10	16	4/	1	1
Printing and publishing	35	43	24	33	41	23	36	41	36	26	33	28	1	5	4
Chemicals and allied products	25	15	19	24	13	18	17	20	26	10	7	10	5	6	13
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	21	27	47	18	18	42	25	39	35	17	18	24	4	11	2

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 32 per 1,000 workers in January 1980 to 29 per 1,000 in February 1980. During that period, durable goods dipped slightly: from 30 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, while nondurable goods decreased from 35 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions decreased from 38 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, including a reduction in durable goods from 45 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, and a small drop in nondurable goods from 31 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Separations decreased month-to-month from 34 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000, and also dropped year-to-year from 35 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

March 1980

	Mar 1980	Feb 1980	Mar 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	5,266	6,188	4,014
Weeks claimed	55,127	53,891	45,495
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$4,823,979	$4,678,598	$3,215,229
Calendar year to date	$14,240,710	$9,416,731	$10,815,907
Average size of weekly payments	$93.85	$94.06	$80.82
First payments	3,156	4,325	2,203
Exhaustions	1,324	973	1,129
Individuals who drew benefits	16,745	16,629	13,652
Rate of insured unemployment	2.2	2.3	2.1
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$71,358	$65,108	$68,690
Average size of weekly payments	$74.49	$77.05	$70.38
First payments	41	51	45
Exhaustions	20	27	31
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$33,337	$36,430	$23,094
Average size of weekly payments	$80.14	$82.80	$79.36
First payments	25	31	31
Exhaustions	1	4	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	38,552	38,257	36,786
Contributions received	$105,325	$4,209,687	$446,515
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$74,636,410	$79,055,885	$61,843,962

UI initial claims in area claim centers decreased from 6,188 in February 1980 to 5,266 in March 1980. Weeks claimed increased from 53,891 in February 1980 to 55,127 in March 1980. UI benefit payments increased from 4.7 million in February 1980 to 4.8 million in March 1980.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 13,540 in February 1980 to 12,910 in March 1980. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.3% in February 1980 to 2.2% in March 1980. The year-to-date contributions stood at 6.8 million in March 1980 compared to 5.7 million in March 1979. The fund balance was 74.6 million in March 1980, compared to 61.8 million in March 1979.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

March 1980

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	9,586	76.0
Female	3,026	24.0
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	11,558	91.6
All other races	1,054	8.4
AGE:		
Under 22	1,762	14.0
22 - 44	7,654	60.7
45 and over	3,196	25.3
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	3,927	31.1
5 - 14	7,044	55.9
15 and over	1,641	13.0

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,434	11.3
Clerical and sales	1,443	11.4
Service	718	5.7
Farm and related	260	2.1
Processing	418	3.3
Machine trades	491	3.9
Bench work	524	4.2
Structural work	5,118	40.6
Miscellaneous	2,206	17.5
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	4,793	36.0
Manufacturing	2,693	22.0
Durable goods	1,313	10.7
Nondurable goods	1,380	11.3
Transportation, communication and utilities	497	4.1
Trade	1,760	14.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	250	2.0
Services	1,150	9.4
Government	349	2.9
Other	1,120	9.2

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for March 1980 was 12,612.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MARCH 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	239.8	1.4	14.7	239.9	1.4	14.6
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	241.0	1.0	7.4	241.2	0.9	7.2
Food	247.3	1.0	7.3	247.5	0.9	7.1
Food at home	243.6	1.0	6.0	243.1	0.8	5.7
Cereals & bakery products	238.6	0.8	11.8	239.3	0.8	11.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	237.8	0.7	0.3	237.1	0.3	0.1
Dairy products	220.3	0.4	9.3	221.1	0.6	9.3
Fruits and vegetables	232.4	1.8	2.9	230.1	1.9	2.1
Other foods at home	292.0	1.4	11.3	290.9	1.3	10.9
Food away from home	260.9	1.0	10.6	262.7	1.0	10.4
Alcoholic beverages	181.7	0.7	7.4	182.8	0.9	7.8
HOUSING	254.5	1.6	17.0	254.4	1.6	17.0
Shelter	271.6	1.6	19.1	272.7	1.6	19.3
Rent (residential)	186.6	0.5	8.9	186.4	0.5	8.9
Other rental costs	258.6	1.1	14.3	258.6	1.2	14.3
Homeownership	302.0	1.9	21.7	304.0	1.9	22.0
Fuel and other utilities	268.0	1.6	18.6	268.7	1.6	18.9
Fuels	333.9	2.1	26.5	333.9	2.1	26.6
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	553.4	2.7	63.0	554.1	2.6	63.0
Gas (piped) & electricity	284.0	1.9	16.4	283.9	1.9	16.5
Household furnishings & operation	201.3	1.2	7.4	199.2	1.2	6.9
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	176.0	2.4	7.1	175.1	2.1	6.6
Men's & boys' apparel	165.6	1.8	4.3	166.0	1.9	4.1
Women's & girls' apparel	155.5	2.9	2.4	154.9	2.4	2.4
Footwear	187.0	1.3	9.0	186.3	1.3	9.3
TRANSPORTATION	243.7	1.7	23.0	244.3	1.7	22.9
Private transportation	244.0	1.8	23.2	244.6	1.7	23.2
Public transportation	232.1	1.1	21.2	226.1	1.0	17.7
MEDICAL CARE	260.2	0.9	11.2	260.9	0.9	11.6
Medical care services	281.5	0.9	11.8	282.2	0.9	12.3
ENTERTAINMENT	200.6	1.4	8.5	199.5	1.7	8.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	208.9	0.4	8.4	208.3	0.3	8.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	278.8			279.0		

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